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Trustee Meeting

Some Interesting Talks

Some very interesting addresses were made here last week by Mr. Seth Low, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Rosenwald, and other of our friends who were members of the two parties who visited the school. Wednesday evening, addresses were made by Mr. Low, Mr. Willcox, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Ogden, Trustees, and Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott.

On Thursday evening, addresses were made by Mr. Low and Mr. Rosenwald, following the rhetorical exercises.

On Friday at 1:30 o'clock, at a special meeting held in the Institute Chapel, addresses were made by Mr. Bruce Payne, of the Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Fraser, Judge Mack, Dr. Harris, Mr. Crane, Mr. Butler and Dr. Vincent, concluding with a parting word from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Extracts from some of the addresses follow:

Mr. Washington: It is very rare, in my opinoin, that any school has the good fortune to secure as we have the highest type of men to serve on its Board of Trustees—men who give their time and money to the extent that our Trustees do in relation to Tuskegee Institute. And it is a great pleasure for us once a year to welcome them here in this way. I think it is proper that we christen this first night "Trustee Night" at Tuskegee. I am going to introduce the gentleman who bears the greatest burden in connection with the carrying on of this work—the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Honorable Seth Low.

Mr. Low: Dr. Washington, students and teachers of Tuskegee Institute: Your Principal has said that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees carries the heaviest burden in connection with the school. I think that if had said that the Chairman has the greatest honor, you would understand just how easily that burden is carried.

It is a very great pleasure to be here with you once more, and on behalf of the Trustees who are here and those who were unable to come, I want to give you that assurance. When we came into the room, I thought we had a president among us from the hearty greeting that you extended us.

Iwant to take this opportunity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to say to you and Principal Washington how thoroughly we appreciate the splendid work that is done here by the body of teachers that hold up your Principal's hands. I told one of our party that I thought I had never been in six successive class rooms, one after another, where the teaching was of so high a grade as in the six class rooms I visited last year in the Academic Department of the Night School. And I am quite sure that this is the type of teaching that is done in all the departments of the Institute. And when we speak of the Principal, of the students and of the institution, I hope that the teachers will realize that we are thinking of them too. There never was a school yet that was not made by its teachers.

Mr. Willcox: I am very glad to say a word to tell you how glad I am to be here again. It is always an interest and an inspiration to me as I think it is to all of the Trustees, to come down here and meet you in this friendly way, and see just what you are doing. We feel proud of our small part in this work. Mr. Washington, in his complimentary remarks, I think, gives the Trustees altogether too large a part in the work of this great institution. We come here because we like to come, and we come here also I think because we have learned how much more pleasure and satisfaction can be found in life by trying to do a little something to help other people. I know that as far as I myself am concerned, I had one of the best fathers that a boy ever had, and he taught me from very early days that there was a great deal more satisfaction in life if one tried to lend a hand to helping others along than if he spent all of his time looking out for himself. In my own experience I have found that so, and I believe you have found the same thing to be true—that we really get a great deal more out of life for ourselves by helping others, so that after all it is a sort of enlightened selfishness to try to help others.

This is one reason why we come here—because we take pride in having a part in this great institution. But we have a very small share in the work. Mr Washington has a very much larger part which you all appreciate. But after all is said and done, it is you yourselves, the students of Tukegee Institute, upon whom the reputation and the future of this great institution rests. We may do what we can to bring support and interest to the school. Mr. Washington is giving his whole life to trying to build it up and uplift his race, but after all, it rests with you to make the most of your opportunities and to make good in this great institution, to show the world that what is done here in your behalf is really worth while.

I am very glad and very proud of every evidence which I see that you are making good and are appreciating and improving the great opportunities given you.

Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Washington, and Fellow Students of Tuskegee:

I say "fellow students" because I have been in Tuskegee about two hours, and I already consider myself enrolled as a student. I think I have learned more in these two hours than I have learned before in any two months of my life. I want to say just as some of your Trustees have said, that this occasion is one of the most inspiring occasions of my life. I have heard of Tuskegee for a good many years. I know something about its work, I know some of its Trustees, and I know its Principal. But I had not the faintest conception of what this institution was like, until I came from th train tonight. It has made a profound impression upon me, and this audience makes a profound impression upon me.

I want to say that I am glad you are carrying on an industrial and technical work here, and I am also glad that you are carrying on an aesthetic education in the way of singing. I believe that music is one of the noblest of the fine arts, and I have rarely heard any singing that moved me as your singing here tonight. I am glad that you have your industrial pursuits here, but I am also glad that you are paying some attention to the aesthetic side of life.

Dr. A. G. Fraser: Why I was most anxious to come over here is because I am working in Ceylon off India and there we are working with exactly the same problem that you have here, changing the people from the old environment into the new. All their thought, their religious life, their political life and still more their economic life being completely changed by contact with the West. Any ordinary education such as is given in the ordinary school and college is useless for a people such as they. We have got to make them more economic, more valuable, got to train them to work and to lead their own people—very much the same problem as you have here. That is what I had to come here to learn. You were singing these old plantation songs. I have heard these same songs out in Africa, the same idea, the same choruses. The African words are quite different from the ones here, of course. We want to get the training which you have here which will make th[illegible]ple able to work their own land, im[illegible]r own place and get over this [illegible]f unsettlement and no back[illegible] past. That is why I came e. The [illegible]eat African problem in [illegible]ted States was tremendously helped [illegible]eral Armstrong. He came from a missionary home in Hawaii. You are here giving me lessons that I may take them back to the main field.

Mr. Bruce Payne—Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tennessee: I never was quite as proud of being a Southerner as at now. I have never been to Tuskegee before and I cannot express to you the various and sundry emotions that have come to me in these few busy hours I have been here.

We understand something of the inheritance that is back of us all and it is difficult to analyze it, but perhaps one thing tnat you and I know most about is the sacrifice and the suffering and the toil that is back of this generation. In that is a spirit of consecration which you see in your father and in your mother and which I have seen in my father and my mother and which any man of my age in the South has seen in his father and his mother, which we must through all time respect. That spirit of consecration is a fine asset to have behind one. It is a fine ideal to live to and it takes courage to practice it and prove the need we have of such a priceless heritage. It is a great day to live in the South.

I was thinking a minute ago of the little schoolhouse which was the best school in my part of the country over in the mountains of North Carolina, which, because it was the best, my father sent me to; but it was so poorly ventilated and heated, that it took ten years of my life afterwards to recover from the ill effects upon my own constitution. These poor schoolhouses are passing away and every boy and girl in the South is getting a better chance. I say it is a great day to live in the South. Even I wish I could go back ten years and make a new start so that I might have the privileges you are enjoying. It is a great day to be true to all the good things of your past, of your father's and mother's past. It is a great day to sacrifice and toil and suffer and if need be to die for such a country, for such a land as this from which you sprang.

Mr. Low, in farewell: Principal, teachers and students of Tuskegee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and visitors, I want to thank you for all you have done for our pleasure, and I want to thank you for what we have been able to learn here. You have not known what each one of us is laying up in store. We have been going around through these grounds and buildings and seeing you and hearing you sing and watching you march. I think the very way in which you carry yourselves taught me something and I think even our business men here will admit you have a "move on" when you go from place to place. I want to wish you all a happy and successful and prosperous year, and I hope it may be given to many of us to meet you again next year and renew our present acquaintance.

Mid-Winter Meeting: Trustees

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The Mid-Winter Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tuskegee Institute was held here at the school Thursday and Friday of this week, February 22nd and 23rd.

Accompanying Mr. Seth Low, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, from New York City, in two special cars, including Mr. Trumbull's private car, the following persons reached here Wednesday evening, February 21st, at 7 o'clock:

Mr. Frank Trumbull, Trustee, Chairman of Executive Committee, C. and O. Railway.

Mr. Robert C. Ogden, Trustee, Philanthropist.

Mr. William G. Willcox, Trustee, of Willcox, Peck & Hughes, New York, and Mrs. Willcox.

Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Maule, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Charles E. Mason, of Boston, Trustee, of S. D. Warren Co., and Mrs. Mason.

The Rev. Clarence A. Vincent, Pastor, Immanuel-Walnut Avenue Congregational Church, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Henry C. Davis, of Philadelphia.

Miss Katherine B. Davis Superintendent, New York State Reformatory for women, Bedford Hill, N. Y.

Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, Superintendent, The House of Refuge, Girls' Department, Sleighton Farm, Darling, Del. Co., Pa.

Miss Eleanor Little, Principal of Schools, The House of Refuge, Darling, Del. Co , Pa.

Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott, President, "The Outlook" Company, New York.

Mr. Thellwell R. Coggeshall, Industrial Teacher, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Robert E. Park, Vice-President, National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association, Wollaston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Wheelock, Wheelock Kindergarten Training School, Boston.

Miss Hilda Justice, of Philadelphia.

Miss Emily C. Richards, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Harold Peabody, Boston, Mass.

Mr. J. W. Frothingham, of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Alexander Purves, daughter of Mr. Robert C. Ogden.

Dr. A. G. Fraser (son of Sir Andrew Fraser) who for some years, has carried on an important educational work in Ceylon, India, as head of a college for the training of the native people.

Joining this party of Eastern friends, another party came to Tuskegee Institute from Chicago as the special guests of Mr. Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago. This party came by special train in two Pullman cars and reached the school Thursday morning, February 22nd. The members of the party follow:

Mr. Julius Rosenwald, President, Sears, Roebuck and Co., and Mrs. Rosenwald.

Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat, Editor of the Chicago Record-Herald.

Dr. A. W. Harris, President of Northwestern University.

Judge Julian W. Mack, of the United States Court of Commerce, and Mrs. Mack.

Mr. Edward B. Butler, President of Butler Bros., and Mrs. Butler.

Mr. Charles R. Crane, President of The Crane Company, and Mrs. Crane.

Mr. Joseph L. Bache, Director of the Jewish Training School.

Mr. Sherman C. Kingsley, Director of the United Charities and the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund.

Mr. L. A. Philips, Superintendent of the Glenwood Manual Training School.

Mr. Allen B. Pond, one of the leading architects of Chicago.

Mr. Clayton Mark, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Commercial Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Adler.

Mr. A. Mitchell Innes, of the British Embassy at Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Franz, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. Franz is a Consulting Engineer.

Mr. H. F. Fisk, of the Northwestern University, and Mrs. Fisk.

Other visitors were: Mr. Belton Gilreath, Trustee, President of the Gilreath Coal and Iron Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and Mrs. Gilreath; Mr. R. O. Simpson, Trustee, Furman, Alabama; and Miss Charlotte R. Thorn, Principal of the Calhoun Colored School, Calhoun, Alabama.

On Wednesday evening the Eastern Trustees, with their friends attended the regular prayer service in the Institute Chapel. On Thursday evening, the regular monthly rhetorical exercises, which took the form of an industrial exhibit, were held in the Institute Chapel, and on Friday afternoon, before the departure of the two parties for their homes, another meeting was held in the Chapel.

We hope to refer somewhat in detail next week to the visit of these friends and helpers of the school.

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